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PROCEEDINGS OF STATISTICAL SOCIETIES, &c.

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Ordinary Meeting, Monday, May 14th, 1838.

DURING the early part of the meeting the Chair was taken by the Right Hon. STURGES BOURNE, Vice-President, and afterwards by Earl FITZWILLIAM, the President.

The following Gentlemen were balloted for, and were elected Fellows

of the Society:

Edward William Wynne Pendarves, Esq., M.P.; Dr. James Phillips Kay, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner; John Mitchell Kemble, Esq.; Dr. John Baron, of Cheltenham; Captain Alexander M. Tulloch, War Office; Thomas Wilson, Esq., of Banks, near Barnsley, Yorkshire.

The first paper read was an abstract and analysis of the Commissioners' Report on the Endowed Charities in Cornwall, by James Whishaw, Esq., F.S.A., which will appear in a future number of the Journal.

A letter was read from the Superintendent of the Statistical Department of the Board of Trade, transmitting, from the Right Honourable the President of that Board, a series of Agricultural Returns from 27 parishes in the county of Bedford, in the year 1836. (See page 89.)

It was proposed and resolved, "That the Meeting do recommend to the Council to institute an enquiry into the condition of the working-

classes in Westminster."

The following Gentlemen were then proposed as candidates for admission into the Society:—

The Lord Bishop of Durham; Charles Wykeham Martin, Esq., of Leeds Castle, Kent; Samson Ricardo, Esq.; and George Lillie Craik, Esq.

The last meeting during the present session will take place on Monday, the 18th of June.

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF ULSTER.

The Second General Meeting of this Society was held on the 18th of May. The Secretaries reported progress from the Committees on Education—on the Trade between Great Britain and Ireland—on the Physical and Intellectual State of the Working Classes—on Mechanical

Power—and on Agriculture. Thirty new Members were then elected, and the two following Gentlemen were appointed Honorary Members:—G. R. Porter, Esq., F.R.S.; and Rawson W. Rawson, Esq., Honorary Secretary of the Statistical Society of London. Captain Portlock, R.E., Vice-President, then read a paper "Upon the Objects and Advantages of Statistical Enquiries," which he was requested to publish for the use of the Society.

The Society now consists of 97 Ordinary and two Honorary Members. The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, the 8th June.

The Statistical Society of LIVERPOOL has commenced an enquiry into the moral and physical condition of the working-classes in that town, similar to those which have been prosecuted in Manchester, Marylebone, and Bristol.

The following may be quoted among the many proofs of the progress which the study of Statistics is making in this country. A premium is annually offered by the Faculty of the Belfast College, to the students in that institution, for "A Statistical Account of some Parish or District in Ireland, to be written after the best Models." The successful candidate during the last session was William Johnston, of Tullylish, in the county Down, for a Statistical Account of that parish.

M. le Commandeur de Mouttinho, Brazilian Minister in France, has offered a gold medal of 1000 francs to the author of the best work on the Statistics of the Empire of Brazil, to be awarded by the Statistical Society of Paris.

RECENT STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS.

A History of Prices, and of the State of the Circulation from 1793 to 1837, with a Sketch of the State of the Corn Trade in the last two Centuries. By Thomas Tooke, Esq., F.R.S.

The author has entered anew upon the question treated in his former work, published fifteen years ago, a second edition of which has long been desired by the public. The present volumes, although different in arrangement and details, and embracing a much longer and very eventful period, continue the same line of argument and propose to establish the same conclusions. They treat of the various causes which have influenced prices in this country since the year 1792 to the present time, examining separately the effects of variations in the seasons—of war—and of the currency; and tracing their respective operation in an historical Sketch of Prices, and of the State of the Circulation throughout the above period.

Germany; the Spirit of her History, Literature, Social Condition, and National Economy, illustrated by Reference to her Physical, Moral, and Political Statistics, and by Comparison with other Countries. By Bisset Hawkins, M.D. and F.R.S.

The object of the author is to contribute to the science of State Economy, which he considers to be distinct from, and more interesting to society than, Political Economy, the latter of which forms only a section of the former, and confines itself to the production and distribution of wealth; while the former includes the whole internal regulation of States, their resources, their composition, and their means of improvement.